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Economic Services Division

Committee on China

(Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Meeting—1400 hours, 28 June 1955)

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Present: Messrs. [REDACTED]

Guests: Mr. [REDACTED]

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The following items of current interest were discussed:

1. USSE trade-aid agreement with North Viet Nam.
2. The indication from China that equipment and material being received from the Sov Bloc is not of adequate quality.
3. The agricultural crisis in China and what is being done to combat it as well as its economic implications.
4. DRV and CPR agreement on freight traffic.
5. Reported movement of 60,000 people from Shantung to Kirin and Inner Mongolia by CPR.
6. The report that the 5th Railroad Engineers are on the Hangchow-Ningpo rail line.
7. The report that the 11th Div. or Regt. Railroad Unit is on the Ft. Bayard rail line.
8. Sungari River navigation season open and 24 percent more tonnage to be called this year than last.
9. Report that the Hanoi-Nan Dinh railroad will not be completed this year as planned because of bridge construction.
10. The report that 50 percent of China's highways are maintained by the people living near the roads.
11. That 9.68 million cubic meters of earth were moved in 8 weeks by 170,000 peasants along 200 km. of the Yangtze for a water conservancy project.
12. The possible reasons for building the Ft. Bayard railroad.

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13. The report that China's food exports are 20 percent higher in the 1st quarter of this year than last year.

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15. Population increases in China and possible government action.

16. Ministerial changes in China.

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